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District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
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JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Date Filed: 05/28/2013
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly Jury Demand: None
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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05/28/2013	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-3339581) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for D.D.C., # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Dept. of State)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 05/28/2013)
05/28/2013	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 05/28/2013)
05/28/2013		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (md,) (Entered: 05/28/2013)
05/28/2013	<u>3</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS Issued (3) as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons 2nd, # <u>2</u> Summons 3rd, # <u>3</u> Notice of Consent, # <u>4</u> Consent Form)(md,) (Entered: 05/28/2013)
05/30/2013	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Julie B. Axelrod on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 05/30/2013)
06/03/2013	<u>5</u>	ORDER Establishing Procedures for Filing for Cases Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, signed on June 3, 2013. (SM) (Entered: 06/03/2013)
06/11/2013	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/4/2013. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/4/2013. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/11/2013)
06/11/2013	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 6/4/2013., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/4/2013. (See Docket Entry <u>6</u> to view document). (znmw,) (Entered: 06/12/2013)
07/16/2013	<u>8</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, <i>Nunc Pro Tunc, with Answer Lodged</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Exhibit (1): Lodged Answer)(Todd, James) (Entered: 07/16/2013)
08/10/2013		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). For the reasons set forth in Defendant's <u>8</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Respond Nunc Pro Tunc, to which Plaintiff consents, Defendant's motion for extension of time is GRANTED, and Defendant's Answer to the Complaint lodged as an exhibit to the motion is hereby deemed FILED. Further, Defendant having now filed an Answer to the Complaint in this Freedom of Information Act action, the parties shall promptly meet and confer and, by no later than AUGUST 19, 2013, file a Joint Status Report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on August 10, 2013.(lcckk1) (Entered: 08/10/2013)
08/10/2013	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(znmw,) (Entered: 08/12/2013)
08/19/2013	<u>10</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) Modified event title on 9/22/2014 (znmw,). (Entered: 08/19/2013)
08/23/2013	<u>11</u>	ORDER. In order to administer this civil action in a manner fair to the litigants and consistent with the parties' interest in completing this litigation in the shortest possible time and at the least possible cost, the parties are directed to comply with each of the directives set forth in this Order. Further, the parties shall adhere to the following schedule: (a) Defendant shall complete the searches of components it has determined are reasonably likely to contain responsive records by October 15, 2013. (b) Defendant shall begin rolling productions of material that it determines to be releasable on October 22, 2013 and will continue making releases on a rolling basis every six weeks thereafter. (c) The parties shall file a supplemental joint status report by October 18, 2013. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on August 23, 2013. (lcckk1) (Entered: 08/23/2013)
08/23/2013		MINUTE ORDER: Pursuant to the Parties Joint Status Report filed on August 19, 2013, the Parties shall file a supplemental joint status report by no later than October 18, 2013. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on August 23, 2013. (SM)

		(Entered: 08/23/2013)
08/23/2013		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/18/2013. (dot) (Entered: 08/23/2013)
10/10/2013	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. Attorney Julie B. Axelrod terminated. (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 10/10/2013)
10/18/2013	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint Supplemental</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) (Entered: 10/18/2013)
10/21/2013		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). The Court has reviewed the parties' <u>13</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report in Response to the Court's August 23, 2013 Minute Order. The parties shall file a supplemental JOINT STATUS REPORT by no later than JANUARY 16, 2014. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on October 21, 2013. (lcckk1) (Entered: 10/21/2013)
01/15/2014	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jason B. Aldrich on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 01/15/2014)
01/16/2014	<u>15</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) Modified event title on 1/17/2014 (znmw,). (Entered: 01/16/2014)
01/17/2014	<u>16</u>	SCHEDULING ORDER:Supplemental Joint Status Report due by 4/15/2014. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 1/17/14. (dot) (Entered: 01/17/2014)
04/15/2014	<u>17</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Status Report</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 04/15/2014)
04/16/2014		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>17</u> Parties' Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Status Report. The Parties shall have until and including April 24, 2014, to file a Joint Status Report. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on April 16, 2014. (SM) (Entered: 04/16/2014)
04/16/2014		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/24/2014. (dot) (Entered: 04/17/2014)
04/24/2014	<u>18</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) Modified event title on 9/22/2014 (znmw,). (Entered: 04/24/2014)
04/24/2014		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). The Court has reviewed the parties' <u>18</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report. The parties shall file a supplemental JOINT STATUS REPORT by no later than JULY 23, 2014. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on April 24, 2014. (lcckk1) (Entered: 04/24/2014)
04/24/2014		Set/Reset Deadlines: Supplemental Joint Status Report due by 7/23/2014. (dot) (Entered: 04/29/2014)
07/21/2014	<u>19</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) Modified event title on 9/22/2014 (znmw,). (Entered: 07/21/2014)
07/21/2014	<u>20</u>	ORDER Joint Status Report due by 9/19/2014. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 7/21/14. (dot) (Entered: 07/21/2014)
09/19/2014	<u>21</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) Modified event title on 9/22/2014 (znmw,). (Entered: 09/19/2014)
09/22/2014		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). The Court has reviewed the parties' <u>21</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report. The parties shall file a supplemental JOINT STATUS REPORT by no later than DECEMBER 21, 2014. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 09/22/2014. (lcckk2) (Entered: 09/22/2014)
09/22/2014		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>21</u> Meet and Confer Statement; emailed to james.todd@usdoj.gov, cc'd 3 associated attorneys --- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Incorrect event used, 2. In future, use the event STATUS REPORT under Other Documents. (znmw,) (Entered: 09/22/2014)

09/22/2014		Set/Reset Deadlines: Supplemental Joint Status Report due by 12/21/2014. (dot) (Entered: 09/22/2014)
12/18/2014	<u>22</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) (Entered: 12/18/2014)
12/23/2014		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). The Court has reviewed the parties' <u>22</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report. The parties shall file a supplemental JOINT STATUS REPORT by no later than MARCH 23, 2015. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 12/23/2014. (lcckk2) (Entered: 12/23/2014)
12/23/2014		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties supplemental Joint Status Report due by 3/23/2015. (dot) (Entered: 12/24/2014)
03/23/2015	<u>23</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint Supplemental</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) (Entered: 03/23/2015)
03/23/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Supplemental Joint Status Report due by 6/22/2015. (dot) (Entered: 03/24/2015)
03/24/2015		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). The Court has reviewed the parties' <u>23</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report. The parties shall file a supplemental JOINT STATUS REPORT by no later than JUNE 22, 2015. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 3/24/2015. (lcckk2) (Entered: 03/24/2015)
06/22/2015	<u>24</u>	STATUS REPORT , <i>Joint Supplemental</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) (Entered: 06/22/2015)
06/22/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/24/2015. (dot) (Entered: 06/23/2015)
06/23/2015		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). The Court has reviewed the parties' <u>24</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report. The parties shall file a supplemental JOINT STATUS REPORT by no later than AUGUST 24, 2015. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 6/23/2015. (lcckk2) (Entered: 06/23/2015)
08/24/2015	<u>25</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Supplemental Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) (Entered: 08/24/2015)
08/25/2015		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). The parties' <u>25</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Supplemental Joint Status Report is GRANTED, <i>nunc pro tunc</i> . The parties, jointly, seek an extension from August 24, 2015, until August 27, 2015, to file the Joint Supplemental Status Report that is currently due. The parties seek the extension in order to allow the parties sufficient time to discuss Plaintiff's inquiry regarding changing the schedule for the search and production of emails provided by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The parties shall file the Supplemental Joint Status Report by no later than AUGUST 27, 2015. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 8/25/2015. (lcckk2) (Entered: 08/25/2015)
08/25/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/27/2015. (dot) (Entered: 08/26/2015)
08/27/2015	<u>26</u>	Second MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 08/27/2015)
08/28/2015		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). The parties' <u>26</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Supplemental Joint Status Report is GRANTED, <i>nunc pro tunc</i> . The parties, jointly, seek an extension from August 27, 2015, until September 3, 2015, to file the Joint Supplemental Status Report that is currently due. The Court notes that this is the parties' second motion for extension of time that they have filed <i>this week</i> regarding the status report that is due. In the future, to avoid the inefficiency of filing and resolving multiple extensions of time in a short span of time, the Court expects the parties to attend closely to the amount of additional time that they need when they request an extension. This is particularly true in these circumstances where the deadline at issue is the filing of a status report. The parties have now effectively

		provided two mini-status reports regarding the status report. Accordingly, the parties shall provide the Supplement Joint Status Report that is due no later than SEPTEMBER 3, 2015, and the Court will not grant any additional extensions with respect to this deadline (barring truly exigent circumstances). If the parties have not resolved all of the issues regarding search terms to use with respect to Secretary Clinton's emails by next week, they must nevertheless report on the status of those negotiations, and they may propose a deadline for an additional status report as necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 8/28/2015. (lcckk2) (Entered: 08/28/2015)
08/28/2015		Set/Reset Deadline: The parties shall provide the Supplemental Joint Status Report, due no later than 9/3/2015. (Modified on 8/28/2015 (kt). (Entered: 08/28/2015)
09/03/2015	<u>27</u>	NOTICE <i>re Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Todd, James) (Entered: 09/03/2015)
09/03/2015	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 8, # <u>9</u> Exhibit 9)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 09/03/2015)
09/03/2015	<u>29</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>Pending Resolution of Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) (Entered: 09/03/2015)
09/04/2015	<u>30</u>	NOTICE <i>of Court Order in Misc. Case No. 15-1188</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Todd, James) (Entered: 09/04/2015)
09/21/2015	<u>31</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>29</u> MOTION to Stay <i>Pending Resolution of Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Stay</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 09/21/2015)
09/30/2015	<u>32</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>29</u> MOTION to Stay <i>Pending Resolution of Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge</i> filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 09/30/2015)
10/08/2015		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). The Department of State's Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge, filed in the miscellaneous action captioned <i>In re: U.S. Department of State FOIA Litigation Regarding Emails of Certain Former Officials</i> , has now been denied by Chief Judge Richard Roberts on behalf of the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, sitting in Executive Session. <i>See Order, In re: U.S. Department of State FOIA Litigation Regarding Emails of Certain Former Officials</i> , 15-cv-1188 (D.D.C. Oct. 8, 2015), ECF No. 41. Accordingly, Defendant's <u>29</u> Motion to Stay Pending Resolution of its Motion for Designation of Coordinating Judge is DENIED AS MOOT. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 10/8/2015. (lcckk2) (Entered: 10/08/2015)
12/17/2015		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). The parties shall file a Joint Status Report regarding the ongoing productions in this case no later than JANUARY 15, 2016. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 12/17/2015. (lcckk2) (Entered: 12/17/2015)
12/17/2015		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/15/2016. (dot) (Entered: 12/18/2015)
01/15/2016	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT, <i>Supplemental</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 01/15/2016)
01/19/2016		MINUTE ORDER (paperless). In light of the parties' <u>33</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report regarding the ongoing productions in this case no later than MARCH 15, 2016. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 1/19/2016. (lcckk2) (Entered: 01/19/2016)
01/19/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Supplemental Joint Status Report due by 3/15/2016. (dot) (Entered: 01/19/2016)

03/15/2016	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT , <i>Supplemental</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 03/15/2016)
03/21/2016		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>34</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report regarding the ongoing productions in this case no later than MAY 17, 2016. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 3/21/2016. (lcckk2) (Entered: 03/21/2016)
03/21/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/17/2016. (dot) (Entered: 03/24/2016)
05/17/2016	<u>35</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT , <i>Supplemental</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 05/17/2016)
05/20/2016		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>35</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report regarding the ongoing productions in this case no later than JULY 19, 2016. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 5/20/2016. (lcckk2) (Entered: 05/20/2016)
05/20/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/19/2016. (dot) (Entered: 05/23/2016)
07/19/2016	<u>36</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 07/19/2016)
07/20/2016		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>36</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report regarding the ongoing productions in this case no later than SEPTEMBER 19, 2016. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 7/20/2016. (lcckk2) (Entered: 07/20/2016)
07/20/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report regarding the ongoing productions in this case no later than 9/19/2016. (kt) (Entered: 07/20/2016)
09/19/2016	<u>37</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 09/19/2016)
09/27/2016		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>37</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report regarding the ongoing productions in this case on or before NOVEMBER 18, 2016. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 9/27/16. (lcckk1) (Entered: 09/27/2016)
09/27/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/18/2016. (dot) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
11/18/2016	<u>38</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 11/18/2016)
11/18/2016		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>38</u> Supplemental Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report regarding the ongoing productions in this case on or before February 16, 2017. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 11/18/2016. (lcckk1) (Entered: 11/18/2016)
11/18/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/16/2017. (dot) (Entered: 11/21/2016)
02/16/2017	<u>39</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 02/16/2017)
02/17/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>39</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report regarding the ongoing productions in this case on or before May 17, 2017, and shall inform the Court as to what remains to be produced, and when the productions at issue in this matter shall be completed. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 2/17/2017. (lcckk1) (Entered: 02/17/2017)
02/17/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report regarding the ongoing productions in this case on or before 5/17/2017. (kt) (Entered: 02/17/2017)
05/17/2017	<u>40</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 05/17/2017)

05/23/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>40</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that the next and final release of materials in this matter is slated to occur on May 25, 2017, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by JULY 17, 2017, indicating how the parties intend to proceed, and proposing a briefing schedule if necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 5/23/2017. (lcckk1) (Entered: 05/23/2017)
05/23/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/17/2017. (dot) (Entered: 05/25/2017)
07/17/2017	<u>41</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>Status Report</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 07/17/2017)
07/27/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>41</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that Defendant has completed its production and that the parties are conferring regarding certain documents, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by SEPTEMBER 15, 2017, indicating how the parties intend to proceed, and proposing a briefing schedule if necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 7/27/2017. (lcckk1) (Entered: 07/27/2017)
07/27/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/15/2017. (dot) (Entered: 07/28/2017)
09/15/2017	<u>42</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 09/15/2017)
09/20/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>42</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that the parties continue to meet and confer regarding the Vaughn index, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by OCTOBER 16, 2017, indicating how the parties intend to proceed, and proposing a briefing schedule if necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 9/20/2017. (lcckk1) (Entered: 09/20/2017)
09/20/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/16/2017. (dot) (Entered: 09/20/2017)
10/17/2017	<u>43</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 10/17/2017)
10/24/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>43</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that the parties continue to meet and confer regarding the status of this case, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by NOVEMBER 16, 2017, indicating how the parties intend to proceed, and proposing a briefing schedule if necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 10/24/2017. (lcckk1) (Entered: 10/24/2017)
10/24/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/16/2017. (dot) (Entered: 10/25/2017)
11/16/2017	<u>44</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 11/16/2017)
11/17/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>44</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that the parties continue to meet and confer regarding the status of this case, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by JANUARY 16, 2018 , indicating how the parties intend to proceed, and proposing a briefing schedule if necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on November 17, 2017. (lcckk1) (Entered: 11/17/2017)
11/17/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/16/2018. (dot) (Entered: 11/20/2017)
01/16/2018	<u>45</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 01/16/2018)
01/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>45</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that "[s]ince the filing of the last status report, the Parties have further narrowed the dispute, reducing the number of records at issue by approximately one-third," and continue to meet and confer regarding the status of this case, the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by MARCH 19, 2018 , indicating how the parties intend to proceed, and proposing a briefing schedule if necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on January 17, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 01/17/2018)

01/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/19/2018. (dot) (Entered: 01/22/2018)
03/19/2018	<u>46</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 03/19/2018)
03/22/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The parties' <u>46</u> Joint Status Report reiterates that the parties have narrowed the dispute regarding Plaintiff's FOIA request since Defendant completed rolling productions in August 2017. The parties have not indicated specifically what progress they have made since the last status report. Nevertheless, in the interest of efficiently resolving this case, the Court adopts the parties' proposal that they file a further Joint Status Report by APRIL 18, 2018 . This Joint Status Report shall identify progress since the Joint Status Report of March 19, 2018, indicate how the parties intend to proceed, and propose a briefing schedule if necessary. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on March 22, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 03/22/2018)
03/22/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/18/2018. (dot) (Entered: 03/22/2018)
04/17/2018	<u>47</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 04/17/2018)
05/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The parties' <u>47</u> Joint Status Report indicates that Plaintiff has agreed not to challenge the adequacy of Defendant's search, and Defendant has agreed to release additional information regarding certain records. With respect to the withholdings that remain in dispute, the parties seek to resolve this dispute by summary judgment briefing. For good cause shown, the Court adopts the parties' proposed schedule in the accompanying Scheduling and Procedures Order. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on May 2, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
05/02/2018	<u>48</u>	SCHEDULING AND PROCEDURES ORDER. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on May 2, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
05/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff's Cross Motion due by 6/25/2018. Response to Cross Motion due by 7/23/2018. Reply to Cross Motion due by 8/13/2018. Defendant's Summary Judgment Motion due by 5/24/2018. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/25/2018. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/23/2018. Vaughn Index due by 5/24/2018. (dot) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
05/22/2018	<u>49</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Extend the Briefing Schedule Set by the Scheduling and Procedures Order</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received Defendant's <u>49</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Scheduling and Procedures Order. Defendant seeks an extension of the May 24, 2018, deadline for its <i>Vaughn</i> index and Motion for Summary Judgment. Among other reasons for its motion, Defendant has approached Plaintiff about settling the case and has represented that Plaintiff was considering its response as of May 22, 2018. Accordingly, with Plaintiff's consent and notwithstanding the tardiness of the motion pursuant to Paragraph 2(a) of the Court's <u>48</u> Scheduling and Procedures Order, the Court shall GRANT Defendant's <u>49</u> motion for good cause shown. The Court adopts Defendant's proposed schedule in the accompanying Amended Scheduling and Procedures Order. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on May 23, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 05/23/2018)
05/23/2018	<u>50</u>	AMENDED SCHEDULING AND PROCEDURES ORDER. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on May 23, 2018. (lcckk1) (Entered: 05/23/2018)
05/23/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall provide Plaintiff with a Vaughn Index by no later than 6/7/2018; Defendant shall file its Motion for Summary Judgment by no later than 6/7/2018; Plaintiff shall file its Opposition to Defendants Motion for Summary Judgment and its Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment by no later than 7/9/2018; Defendant shall file a Reply in support of its Motion for Summary Judgment and its Opposition to Plaintiffs Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment by no later than 8/6/2018; Plaintiff shall file a Reply in support of its Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment by no later than 8/27/2018. (kt) (Entered: 05/23/2018)

06/07/2018	<u>51</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1: May 2, 2011 FOIA Request of Judicial Watch, Inc., # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2: Declaration of Eric Stein, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
07/09/2018	<u>52</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
08/06/2018	<u>53</u>	RESPONSE re <u>52</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment and Reply in Support of Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Todd, James) (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/06/2018	54	REPLY in support re <u>51</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (See Docket Entry 54 to view document) (jf) (Entered: 08/16/2018)
08/27/2018	<u>55</u>	REPLY to opposition re <u>52</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) . (Entered: 08/27/2018)
07/05/2019	<u>56</u>	ORDER. The Court GRANTS that portion of Plaintiff's <u>52</u> Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment seeking <i>in camera</i> review and HOLDS IN ABEYANCE the remainder of that motion as well as Defendant's <u>51</u> Motion for Summary Judgment. The Court shall review the documents at issue <i>in camera</i> to assess the basis for Defendant's withholdings. By no later than JULY 10, 2019 , Defendant shall submit to the Court, <i>ex parte</i> , versions of these documents that identify Exemption 5 withholdings but are unredacted as to those withholdings. By JULY 11, 2019 , the parties shall also submit a Joint Notice identifying any pertinent new case law since the parties completed their briefing of this matter. See Order for further details. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 5, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 07/05/2019)
07/09/2019	<u>57</u>	NOTICE of <i>Delivery of Documents for In Camera Inspection</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE re <u>56</u> Order,,, (Todd, James) (Entered: 07/09/2019)
07/11/2019	<u>58</u>	NOTICE <i>Joint Notice of Pertinent New Authority</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
09/05/2019	<u>59</u>	ORDER. The Court GRANTS-in-PART and HOLDS-in-ABEYANCE-in-PART Defendant's <u>51</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and DENIES-in-PART and HOLDS-in-ABEYANCE-in-PART Plaintiff's <u>52</u> Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. The Court requires additional information with regard to one redaction. By SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 , Defendant shall submit further information <i>ex parte</i> about the one redaction that the Court has identified in the sealed, <i>ex parte</i> portion of the accompanying Memorandum Opinion. See Order for further details. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on September 5, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/05/2019	<u>60</u>	SEALED (Ex Parte) MEMORANDUM OPINION: The Court GRANTS-in-PART and HOLDS-in-ABEYANCE-in-PART Defendant's <u>51</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and DENIES-in-PART and HOLDS-in-ABEYANCE-in-PART Plaintiff's <u>52</u> Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. The Court concludes that, with one potential exception, the redactions are exempt from FOIA under Exemption 5 due to the presidential communications privilege. By SEPTEMBER 16, 2019, Defendant shall submit further information <i>ex parte</i> about the one redaction that the Court has identified in the sealed, <i>ex parte</i> portion of this Memorandum Opinion. That filing shall also identify any incorrect factual premises on which the Court has relied as to other redactions. An appropriate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion. (This document is SEALED and only available to authorized persons.) Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 9/5/2019. (zkt) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Ex Parte submission due to Court by 9/16/2019. (kt) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/05/2019	<u>61</u>	(Redacted) MEMORANDUM OPINION. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on September 5, 2019. (lcckk1) Modified on 9/5/2019 to add "Redacted" word (kt). (Entered: 09/05/2019)

09/12/2019	<u>62</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to September 5, 2019, Order</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Todd, James) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
09/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received Defendant's <u>62</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time and to Respond to September 5, 2019 Order. Defendant seeks an extension of the September 16, 2019 deadline set in the Court's <u>59</u> September 5, 2019 Order to submit additional information regarding one of the redactions at issue in this case to October 2, 2019. Accordingly, with Plaintiff's consent, the Court shall GRANT Defendant's <u>62</u> Motion for good cause shown. Defendant shall submit the requested information by OCTOBER 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on September 13, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 09/13/2019)
09/13/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall submit the requested information by OCTOBER 2, 2019. (dot) (Entered: 09/17/2019)
09/25/2019	<u>63</u>	NOTICE of Disclosure of Previously-Withheld Information by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE re Order on Motion for Extension of Time to,, <u>59</u> Order, (Todd, James) (Entered: 09/25/2019)
09/27/2019	<u>64</u>	ORDER. The Court has received Defendant's <u>63</u> Notice of Disclosure of Previously-Withheld Information, which indicates that Defendant, as a matter of discretion, chose to release certain redacted material to Plaintiff pursuant to the Court's September 5, 2019 Order. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS Defendant's <u>51</u> Motion for Summary Judgment. Specifically, the Court finds the issue regarding the previously withheld material that has been released to Plaintiff moot. The Court also VACATES the October 2, 2019 deadline for Defendant to submit the requested information to the Court. The Court further DENIES Plaintiff's <u>52</u> Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. See Order for details.Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on September 27, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 09/27/2019)